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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAMBURG 0223

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE HAMBURG STATE ELECTION

REF: HAMBURG 0220

1. THE SPD HAS SUFFERED A STUNNING SETBACK IN THE MARCH 3 ELECTION FOR THE HAMBURG STATE ASSEMBLY. FROM 55.3 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IT RECEIVED IN THE 1970 STATE ELECTION, THE SPD HAS DROPPED TO 44.9 PERCENT IN THIS ELECTION. THE CDU HAS ADVANCED FROM 32.8 PERCENT TO 40.6 PERCENT AND THE FDP FROM 7.1 PERCENT TO 10.9 PERCENT. THE NPD DROPPED FROM 2.7 PERCENT TO 0.8 PERCENT; THE DKP ADVANCED FROM 1.7 PERCENT TO 2.2 PERCENT; A MAOIST FACTION OF THE COMMUNISTS, RUNNING FOR THE FIRST TIME, RECEIVED 0.3 PERCENT. DESPITE PREDICTIONS BY CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF THE SPD LEADERSHIP HERE THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF TRADITIONAL SPD VOTERS WOULD STAY AWAY FROM THE POLLS

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BECAUSE OF THEIR DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE BONN COALITION GOVERNMENT, THE OPPOSITE SEEMS TO HAVE HAPPENED. OBVIOUSLY,

SOME OF THE SPD PARTY FAITHFUL CAST THEIR BALLOTS FOR THE FDP AND EVEN THE CDU. BY COMPARISON WITH THE 1970 ELECTION IN WHICH 73.4 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS, 80.5 PERCENT CAST BALLOTS YESTERDAY.

2. THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW STATE ASSEMBLY IS AS FOLL

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